



## Rogersville/Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Dear Commission,

Established in 1947, the Rogersville-Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce has been active to promote, advance and perpetuate the business, commercial, manufacturing, and civic interest of the Town of Rogersville and Hawkins County in Tennessee. Our overall goal is to make Rogersville & Hawkins County a more prosperous, more beautiful, and better place in which to live.

Trying to keep businesses moving forward for our chamber members has proven to be even more challenging with the recent economic downturn. However, with access to more alternatives like mobile broadband that AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile would bring, our members have even better chances for improving their bottom line.

This transaction will lead to enhanced delivery of mobile broadband, yielding faster speeds and greater network capacity. Though these quality improvements are important to all businesses, they are especially important to smaller businesses that often have less room for error than larger businesses.

This is particularly the case for rural areas. Studies have shown that access to broadband helps grow local economies, and rural areas are in the most need of this technology.

We ask that you support this merger- it would be very helpful to us out in Rogersville and Hawkins County.

Sincerely,

Nancy Barker, Executive Director  
Rogersville/Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce

